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1. Towards the end of November 1950, work was started on trenches located approximately one and one-half kilometers northwest of Levunovo and lying between the Struma River and the Sofia-Aegean Sea highway. These trenches were dug on the crest of a barren hill, named Kosmatitsa, which rises about 60 meters above the surrounding ground level and extends for approximately 400 meters. The whole hill is honey-combed with trenches in zigzag form, 80 centimeters wide and one and one-half meters deep. To the northeast of the hill, in the direction of the highway, the network of trenches continues, passing about 200 to 300 meters north of the village of Levunovo and continuing in a northeasterly direction towards Hotovo and Lozenitsa. The entire trench network is estimated to be between seven and eight kilometers long. It is rumored that at several points there are machine-gun nests.
2. The trenches were built by an undetermined number of Trudovaks; one group of 50 to 60 Trudovaks was observed working on the trenches in one area. It was reported that the trenches were completed on 10 March 1951.

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